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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has evaluated the performance of Universal Immunization Programme in the country;

(b) if so, the names of the districts in which performance of said programme has been found unsatisfactory;

(c) the details of the targets fixed by the Government under the programme during 2006-07 and 2007-08 alongwith achievements thereof, State-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) Yes sir,

(b) The full immunization coverage of the country as per the District Level House Hold Survey (DLHS)-II (2002-04) is 47.6 percent. The list of districts which have less coverage than national coverage as per DLHS-II is enclosed (Annexure-I, pages 5).

(c) Statement enclosed (Annexure-II, pages 2).

(d) The following steps have been taken by the Government to further strengthen the Universal Immunization Programme in the country:-

strengthening of supervision and monitoring by providing mobility support at State and district level,

vaccine delivery support from last storage point i.e. PHC to session-site,

mobilization of children to immunization session site by ASHA/Link workers,

providing services in slums and under served areas where services are deficit by outsourcing immunization services.

providing support for review meeting of district level officers at State level.

computer assistance at state & district level

strengthening of cold chain facilities.

Conducting Village Health & Nutrition Days (VHND) to integrate Immunization with other services like nutrition & ANCs etc.

Observing Special Immunization weeks/ Catch-up rounds in low performing States.